



PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Shinichi YOSHINARI, et al.

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Examiner: Bruce H. Hess

For: THERMAL TRANSFER SHEET AND THERMAL TRANSFER RECORDING METHOD

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated December 23, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 3, 5, 7-16 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please enter the following amended claims:

1. (Amended) A thermal transfer sheet comprising at least an image formation layer disposed on a support, wherein the image formation layer includes an organic pigment having a melting point not less than 310°C; and
a light-heat conversion layer which converts light to heat disposed on a support, wherein the light-heat conversion layer has an absorbance in the near infrared light region of not less than

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